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and to ally the groundless fears which may arise in the minds of those who are not aware of the advantages of improved intercommunication, and above all of the beneficial effects which a railway must have on the value of the lands through which it passes. If one or two small lines be fairly started, it may be hoped that the old opposition to such improvements will be removed. The Chinese are very quick to appreciate a material advantage, and although they may, in ignorance of the facts, advance very ingenious arguments to prove that railways of all kinds from smallest to largest will be an unprofitable evil, they will not be slow to show their appreciation of them when they are once established.

The Siam ship *Dada* left Hong Kong, on 24th August, for this port.

The German schooner *Amanda* went on to the ship, at East Point, yesterday.

The Spanish man-of-war, *St. Lucia* went out to the Kowloon docks, yesterday.

The British steamer *Diana*, from Yokohama, with a cargo of New York, via the Suez Canal.

The British ship *Sir Harry Parkes*, from London, May 10th, brought up outside of Green Island last night.

The British steamer *Yamaguchi* was docked yesterday morning, by means of two junks lashed alongside, and the steamer *Yamaguchi* went into the stream, and thence to dock last night.

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THE SPARK TRAGEDY.

This case, in which Young Chan Ping, Wong

and five others were charged with murder,

on the 22nd inst., whilst on their passage from

Canton to Macao, was again resumed.

Mr. W. M. Dwyer, Superintendent of Police,

asked to have the first defendant committed for

trial, as Mr. Mandy recognized him, and two

other witnesses who were out of the colony also

recognized his face and voice, and would be

present at the second trial.

The first defendant, reserving his defence,

was committed for trial at the Criminal Ses-

sions of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Dwyer also produced evidence against

the second of his being concerned in the piracy.

There was a charge against him of stealing the

jackets from a house at West Point, and for

stealing from the house of the defendant.

Respectively, the first and second defendants

was discharged. The owner of the coats now came

forward and said he lived in a small house on

Third street. He had been a watchman, and

was now out of employment. On the day of the

robbery, he would not have been out of his

house, and his coat was all safe then. At 5

o'clock he returned and discovered that some

body had taken his coat, and he was

very much distressed. He was then

informed that the coat had been taken by

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